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ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006, related to the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully submits the following election.

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Summary of the Office Action

The Examiner has requested an election among Species A (FIG. 3), Species B (FIG. 7), and Species C (FIG. 13).

The Examiner has held instead that claims 21-24 and 31-40 are generic.

Applicant's Response

Applicant elects and respectfully requests examination of Species A, illustrated in FIG. 3 and claimed in claims 21-26 and 31-40. Accordingly, claims 27-30 are withdrawn from consideration in this application at this time.

Because withdrawn claims 27-30 depend from the same independent claim 1 as elected claims 21-26 and 31-40, Applicant reserves the right to request a rejoinder of claims 27-30 upon allowance of claim 1.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing election, an early and favorable action in this application is earnestly requested.

Dated: August 10, 2006 Respectfully submitted,

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